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Sir:

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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.87 ET SEQ.

Applicant(s) herein make(s) available to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a copy of PTO-FB-A820 which lists the references cited by the applicant(s), copies of which are enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a). It is believed the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing references.

It is requested that the references listed on the attached form PTO-FB-A820 be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. § 1302.12).

No fee is thought to be due for this submission as it is being filed prior to receipt of the first Office Action in this application. If, however, the Commissioner determined that any fee is due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

A prompt and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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